

Subject Ambulance service training and staffing grant program

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Overview

This bill establishes an ambulance service training and staffing grant program at the Office of Emergency Medical Services and appropriates money for that program.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Ambulance service training and staffing grant program.</p> <p>Adds § 144E.38. Directs the director of the Office of Emergency Medical Services to establish and administer an ambulance service training and staffing grant program to provide grants to eligible ambulance services for certain costs to train ambulance service employees as emergency medical technicians (EMTs).</p> <p>Subd. 1. Definition. Defines employee for this section.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Grant program. Requires the director to establish and administer a program to award grants to eligible ambulance services for certain costs to train ambulance service employees as EMTs.</p> <p>Subd. 3. Eligible ambulance services. To be eligible for a grant, requires an ambulance service to be licensed under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144E, and in the year prior to the year in which the ambulance service first applies for a grant, to have had at least 50 percent of its staffing provided by EMTs.</p> <p>Subd. 4. Application. Requires an eligible ambulance service seeking a grant to apply in a manner specified by the director and lists information that must be included in its application.</p> <p>Subd. 5. Allowable uses of grant money; maximum grant amount. Lists allowable uses of grant money: tuition for EMT education programs, fees for EMT certification examinations, background study fees, and incurred wage and benefit costs for employees attending an EMT education program or related</p> |
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activities. Prohibits an ambulance service's grant award from exceeding the amount needed to cover the ambulance service's allowable uses.

Subd. 6. Grant program oversight. Requires an ambulance service receiving a grant to provide the director with the information needed to administer and evaluate the grant program.

2 **Appropriation; ambulance service training and staffing grant program.**

Appropriates \$750,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$750,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the general fund to the Office of Emergency Medical Services for the ambulance service training and staffing grant program.



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